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declare; that our citizenship, residence address, and post office address are as set forth above; that we verify believe we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the subject matter of the invention or discovery entitled FLEXURE RESISTANT BASE PLATE FOR A BASKETBALL GOAL ASSEMBLY, for which a patent is sought and which is described and claimed in United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/051,454, which was filed on January 18, 2002; that we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, and that we acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Section 1.56(a) of Title 37 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

U.S. Patent Application No. 10/051,454
Filed: January 18, 2002

We declare further that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful, false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful, false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. We declare and attest that we are signing this declaration on behalf of ourselves and on behalf of Charles Monsen, our co-inventor, whose current whereabouts are unknown.

We hereby appoint as our attorneys and/or patent agents all attorneys and/or patent agents listed under the following Customer Number, with full power of substitution and revocation, to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:



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Wherefore, we pray that Letters Patent be granted to us for the invention or discovery described and claimed in the foregoing specification and claims, declaration, power of attorney, and this petition.

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Declaration of Jolene B. Goff to Support
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Dear Sir:

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I, Jolene B. Goff, hereby declare:

1. I am employed at Lifetime Products, Inc. As one of my duties, I arrange to have inventors review and execute patent-related papers. I assumed this responsibility from Barbara Keyt.

2. I believe Charles Monsen is a joint inventor of the above-identified patent application. His inventive contribution occurred while he was an employee of Lifetime Products, Inc. He is no longer employed at Lifetime Products, Inc.

3. The last known address of Mr. Monsen is:

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4. Mr. Monsen's last known cell phone number (435-730-0885) may be current, but my last five attempts to telephone Mr. Monsen, on March 9, 14, 16, 19, and 21, 2002 were unsuccessful. He has not responded to voice messages left on March 16 and March 21.

5. I believe Mr. Monsen is unavailable and cannot be found.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2002



Jolene B. Goff

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- 1. CRUMPTON, CHARLES W (MALE), 12202 N LAKESHORE DR APT 8, LAKE STEVENS, WA 98258-9186, 1954, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
- 2. CRUMPTON, CHARLES W, 12202 LAKESHORE DRIVE APT. 8, LAKE STEVENS, WA 98258, P-TRAK
- 3. E MONSEN, CHARLES, 122-34-4192, 11/5/1944, SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION DEATH MASTER FILE
- 4. FERRANTI, CHARLES F (MALE), 33 MONSEN RD, CONCORD, MA 01742-1924, 1930, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
- 5. FERRANTI, CHARLES F (MALE), 33 MONSEN RD, CONCORD, MA 01742-1924, 1930, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
- 6. FERRANTI, CHARLES F, 33 MONSEN RD, CONCORD, MA 01742, 6/1930, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH
- 7. FERRANTI, CHARLES F (MALE), 33 MONSEN RD, CONCORD, MA 01742-1924, 6/1930, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND
- 8. FERRANTI, CHARLES F, 33 MONSEN ROAD, CONCORD, MA 01742, P-TRAK
- 9. FERRANTI, CHARLES F, 33 MONSEN ROAD, CONCORD, MA 01742, P-TRAK
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- 11. FERRANTI, CHARLES E., 33 MONSEN RD, CONCORD, MA 01742-1924, PERSON LOCATOR - USFIND
- 12. HJEMDAHL-MONSEN, STEIN J., 410 CHARLES ST, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH
- 13. HJEMDAHL-MONSEN, STEIN (MALE), 410 CHARLES ST, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701-7808, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND
- 14. HJEMDAHL, MONSEN ERIK, 155 KENVILLE ROAD APT. C, BUFFALO, NY 14215, 12/1976, P-TRAK
- 15. HJEMDAHL, MONSEN CAROL, POB 2055, JAMESTOWN, NY 14702, P-TRAK
- 16. HJEMDAHLMONSEN, ERIK J., 155 KENVILLE ROAD APT. C, BUFFALO, NY 14215, 12/1976, P-TRAK
- 17. HJEMDAHLMONSEN, STEIN J., POB 657, JAMESTOWN, NY 14702, 3/1947, P-TRAK
- 18. HJEMDAHL-MONSEN, E J., 410 CHARLES ST, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701-7808, PERSON LOCATOR - USPAGE
- 19. HJEMDHAL-MONSEN, ERIK, 410 CHARLES ST, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH
- 20. HJEMDHAL, MONSEN ERIK, 155 KENVILLE ROAD APT. C, BUFFALO, NY 14215, 12/1976, P-TRAK

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21. HJEMDALMONSEN, ERIK, 155 KENVILLE ROAD APT. C, BUFFALO, NY 14215, 12/1976, P-TRAK
22. HJEMVALMONSEN, STEIN J, 410 CHARLES STREET, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701, 3/1947, P-TRAK
23. MOMSEN, CHARLES B III, 101 ROSIE CT, STEPHENS CITY, VA 22655, 5/1952, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH
24. MONSEN, ANN M (FEMALE), PO BOX 549, FAIRPLAY, CO 80440-0549, 1950, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
25. MONSEN, ANNIE, 3519 COUNTY RD 14, FAIRPLAY, CO 80440, PERSON LOCATOR - USPAGE
26. MONSEN, CHARLES B (MALE), PO BOX 549, FAIRPLAY, CO 80440-0549, 1941, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
27. MONSEN, CHARLES INGRAM (MALE), 2360 BRAUN DR, GOLDEN, CO 80401- 2138, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
28. MONSEN, CHAS (MALE), 20551 MONSEN WAY, FORT BRAGG, CA 95437-4108, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
29. MONSEN, CHARLES H (MALE), 205 BONNY KNOLL RD, ROSEVILLE, CA 95678- 3322, 1948, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
30. MONSEN, CHARLES E, 294 COLONY ST, FAIRFIELD, CT 06430, 9/1956, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH

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32. **MONSEN, CHARLES K, 322 N 200 W, BRIGHAM CITY, UT 84302, 7/1962, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH**

33. **MONSEN, CHARLES B, PO BOX 549, FAIRPLAY, CO 80440, 5/1941, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH**

34. **MONSEN, CHARLES H, 205 BONNY KNOLL RD, ROSEVILLE CA 95678, 1/1948, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH**

35. **MONSEN, CHARLES, 8 PACE DR S, WEST ISLIP, NY 11795-5100, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND**

36. **MONSEN, CHARLES (MALE), 8 PACE DR S, WEST ISLIP, NY 11795-5100, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND**

37. **MONSEN, CHARLES (MALE), 2010 N FLORIDA AVE APT 224, TAMPA, FL 33602-2204, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND**

38. **MONSEN, CHARLES E, 2614 APRIL RUN CT, HUMBLE, TX 77345-1856, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND**

39. **MONSEN, CHARLES B (MALE), 3519 COUNTY RD 14, FAIRPLAY, CO 80440-0000, 5/1941, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND**

40. **MONSEN, CHARLES (MALE), 5048 BUENA VISTA AVE, FAIR OAKS, CA 95628-5264, PERSON LOCATOR - P-FIND**

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42. MONSEN, CHARLES E, 7040 COLONIAL ROAD, BROOKLYN, NY 11209, P-TRAK
43. MONSEN, CAROL A, 410 CHARLES STREET, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701, P-TRAK
44. MONSEN, CHARLES K, 322 200 W, BRIGHAM CITY, UT 84302, P-TRAK
45. MONSEN, CHARLES B, POB 14, FAIRPLAY, CO 80440, P-TRAK
46. MONSEN, CHARLES K, 120 700, BRIGHAM CITY, UT 84302-1440, 7/1962, P-TRAK
47. MONSEN, CHARLES K, 120 700, BRIGHAM CITY, UT 84302-1440, 7/1962, P-TRAK
48. MONSEN, CHARLES, 2727 BENS BRANCH DR 2309, HUMBLE, TX 77339-3737, PERSON LOCATOR - USPAGE
49. MONSEN, CHARLES, 294 COLONY ST, FAIRFIELD, CT 06430-5206, PERSON LOCATOR - USFIND
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52. MONSEN, ERIK J (MALE), 155 KENVILLE RD APT C, BUFFALO, NY 14215-2466, 1977, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
53. MONSEN, ELIZABETH (FEMALE), 294 COLONY ST, FAIRFIELD, CT 06430-5206, 1965, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
54. MONSEN, ERIC B, 38W594 HILLTOP DR, SAINT CHARLES, IL 60175, 11/1965, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH
55. MONSEN, ERIC B, 436 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, ELMHURST, IL 60126-3810, P-TRAK
56. MONSEN, EARLE CHARLES, 1407 ESTATE LANE, GLENVIEW, IL 60025-1519, P-TRAK
57. MONSEN, EARLE C, 16380 KELLY COVE DRIVE, FORT MYERS, FL 33908, P-TRAK
58. MONSEN, ERIK J, 410 CHARLES STREET, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701, 12/1976, P-TRAK
59. MONSEN, ERIK, 155 KENVILLE ROAD APT. C, BUFFALO, NY 14215, 12/1976, P-TRAK
60. MONSEN, ERIC B, 436 FAIRFIELD AVENUE, ELMHURST, IL 60126-3810, 9/1966, P-TRAK

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62. **MONSEN, JENNIE L (FEMALE), PO BOX 221, CORINNE, UT 84307-0221, 1972, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK**
63. **MONSEN, LISA MELANIE (FEMALE), 2360 JEFFERSON AVE APT 1, OGDEN, UT 84401-1629, 1971, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK**
64. **MONSEN, LISA A, 38W594 HILLTOP DR, SAINT CHARLES, IL 60175, 9/1962, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH**
65. **MONSEN, LISA A, 38W594 HILLTOP DR, SAINT CHARLES, IL 60175, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH**
66. **MONSEN, LISA A, 38W594 HILLTOP DRIVE, SAINT CHARLES, IL 60175-6015, P-TRAK**
67. **MONSEN, LISA A, 18040 370TH STREET, FOREST CITY, IA 50436, 8/1963, P-TRAK**
68. **MONSEN, LISA A, 38W594 HILLTOP DRIVE, SAINT CHARLES, IL 60175-6015, P-TRAK**
69. **MONSEN, MAYNARD (MALE), 602 S CHARLES ST, WESTFIELD, WI 53964-9152, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK**
70. **MONSEN, STEIN J (MALE), 410 CHARLES ST, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701-7808, 1947, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK**

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72. MONSEN, STEIN H, 410 CHARLES STREET, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701, 3/1947, P-TRAK
73. MONSEN, STEIN H, 410 CHARLES ST, JAMESTOWN, NY 14701-7808, PERSON LOCATOR - USFIND
74. PETERSON, MICHAEL CHARLES (MALE), 20700 MONSEN WAY, FORT BRAGG, CA 95437-4114, 1953, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
75. POLGAR, REBECCA S, 85 GATES STREET, CRYSTAL LAKE, IL 60014-4356, P-TRAK
76. RICHARDS, JANET L (FEMALE), 20551 MONSEN WAY, FORT BRAGG, CA 95437-4108, 1953, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
77. ROACH, CHARLES L (MALE), 20551 MONSEN WAY, FORT BRAGG, CA 95437-4108, 1953, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SEEK
78. ROACH, CHARLES L, 20551 MONSEN WAY, FORT BRAGG, CA 95437, 1/1953, PERSON LOCATOR - P-SRCH
79. ROACH, CHARLES L, 20551 MONSEN WAY, FORT BRAGG, CA 95437, P-TRAK
80. ROGAL, CHARLES R, 18 HIGH STREET, MELROSE, MA 02176, P-TRAK

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Declaration of Barbara Keyt to Support
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Assistant Commissioner
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Dear Sir:

I, Barbara Keyt, hereby declare:

1. I am employed by Lifetime Products, Inc. As one of my former duties, I arranged to have inventors review and execute patent-related papers.
2. I believe Charles Monsen is a joint inventor of the above-identified patent application. His inventive contribution occurred while he was an employee of Lifetime Products, Inc. He is no longer employed at Lifetime Products, Inc. In December 2001, I successfully spoke with Mr. Monsen and obtained his commitment to review and execute the documents related to this patent application. He has not done so.

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3. On January 15, 2002, I telephoned Mr. Monsen at his last known cell phone number (435-730-0885) and left a voice message regarding the need to review and execute the documents related to this patent application.

4. The last known address of Mr. Monsen is:

Charles Monsen
322 North 200 West
Brigham City, Utah 84302

5. On January 16, 2002, I mailed a certified letter to the last known address of Mr. Monsen. It was returned as undeliverable. A copy of this letter is attached.

6. I believe Mr. Monsen is unavailable and cannot be found.

7. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this 10th day of April, 2002

Barbara Keyt
Barbara Keyt

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Declaration of Richard C. Gilmore to Support
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Dear Sir:

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I, Richard C. Gilmore, hereby declare:

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1. I am a Registered Patent Attorney at the law offices of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley.
2. Workman, Nydegger & Seeley are the attorneys of record for the above-referenced application, which is assigned to Lifetime Products, Inc.
3. On September 5, 2002, an internet search using the Lexis® EZFIND Combined Person Locator was conducted in an attempt to locate joint inventor Charles K. Monsen. The search identified two possible addresses for Mr. Monsen, including 322 North 200 West, Brigham City, UT 84302. As set forth in the Declarations of Ms. Barbara Keyl and Ms. Jolene Goff, which were previously filed on April 11, 2002, Mr. Monsen no longer lives at this address and the U.S. Postal Service was unable to forward correspondence to

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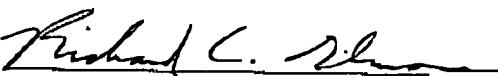
Mr. Monsen. The internet search also listed the address of 120 700, Brigham City, UT 84302 as a possible address for Mr. Monsen. I directed Tyson Sharp, a Workman, Nydegger & Seelcy employee, to go to the address and attempt to find Mr. Monsen.

4. Mr. Sharp informed me that he spoke with the individual currently living at that address, that that individual stated that Mr. Monsen no longer lived there and that Mr. Monsen left no forwarding address. Accordingly, I believe that Mr. Charles Monsen no longer lives at that address and that no forwarding address is available.

5. I believe that Mr. Monsen is unavailable and cannot be found.

6. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this 23 day of September, 2002


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Dear Sir:

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I, Tyson T. Sharp, hereby declare:

1. I am employed at the law offices of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley. As one of my duties, I was sent by Richard C. Gilmore, Esq., a shareholder of Workman, Nydegger & Seeley, based on an internet search done on Lexis® EZFIND Combined Person Locator, to determine whether Mr. Charles K. Monsen, co-inventor of the above-referenced application, could be located.
2. I believe Workman, Nydegger & Seeley are the attorneys of record for the above referenced application.
3. On September 5, 2002, I traveled to 120 W. 700 N., Brigham City, UT 84302, which was the last address available from the Lexis internet search for Charles Monsen. I talked with the gentleman currently living at that address who indicated that, while Mr.

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Monsen did live at that address in the past, he no longer lived there. He had no forwarding address, nor knew of anyone else who might know the whereabouts of Mr. Monsen.

4. I believe that Mr. Monsen is unavailable and cannot be found.
5. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

Dated this 12 day of September, 2002



Tyson T. Sharp